IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1937 OF 2007

Mr.Mahendra Bhaskar Ektate. ...Applicant.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.A.M.Saraogi, Adv. for the Applicant.
Mr.S.R.Shinde, APP, for the State.

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CORAM : SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.

DATED : 19th June, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.122 of 2006 of Crime Branch, EOW, Unit-IV, Mumbai. The said case is mainly under Sections 420, 467 of IPC.

3. The applicant had earlier preferred an application for anticipatory bail before the Sessions Court. As the applicant failed to remain present before the Sessions Court, his application for anticipatory bail came to be dismissed by the Sessions Court. It is only on this ground that

the said application came to be rejected.

4. In my view, an opportunity ought to be given to the applicant to prefer a fresh application for anticipatory bail before the Sessions Court.

5. To enable the applicant to prefer necessary application for anticipatory bail before the concerned Sessions Court, the applicant is granted protection in respect of arrest upto 2nd July, 2007. In the event of arrest, the applicant to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one surety to make up the said amount. However, the applicant shall cooperate with the investing agency. It is made clear that this order of interim protection will remain in operation only upto 2nd July, 2007.

6. Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)